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Items for the Daily Log - 4 June 1954

Legislative Counsel

1. I lunched with Chairman Rees of the House Civil Service Committee and Mr. Belen, Chief Counsel of the Committee staff. I handed Mr. Belen informally some questions which he might utilize in connection with hearings on the bill of Mrs. St. George to deny secondclass mailing privileges to Communist literature. I mentioned the problems faced by intelligence organizations with this bill and how it might serve drastically to cut down the flow of Soviet and satellite material which was an invaluable source of information. Mr. Belen suggested that before we reached any firm conclusions as to what steps to take, it might be advisable to let the hearings proceed and see what developed from them. Chairman Rees emphasized to Mr. Belen that the career benefits and pay bill now being considered by the Committee must include CIA's requirements. These include exemption from the Performance Rating Act; repeal of Section 9 of P. L. 110; making certain that in the pay raise features the statutory salary of the Deputy Director is raised sufficiently so as not to be lower than a GS-18; and that if the pay raise is retroactive, it cover agencies exempted from the Classification Act.

2. The State Department was informed on 3 June that four members of the staff of the Kersten Committee would leave on 4 June for Europe in connection with the Committee investigation. I received this information on 4 June and discussed it with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Brown,

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